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Office of Emergency Preparedness

After Action Report Operation Out and Over Monday November 16, 2015 BMC Detailed Action Items

This report is intended as an appendix to the official Operation Out and Over After Action Report.

Strengths

Staff actions indicated a high level of knowledge and comfort with the procedures that fostered success.

The procedures were well thought out, organized, and operationally sound.

Staff actions indicated a high level of knowledge and comfort with the elements necessary for a comprehensive discharge plan.

Ensuring that procedures for the notification of Public Health agencies followed the same process for other communicable diseases simplified the process and contributed to success.

A collaborative approach to discharge planning that includes local and state public health representatives ensures that discharge decisions are made based on evidence and individualized environmental conditions.

Opportunities

While the drill included the notification of local and state public health agencies, it was not developed to drill deeper into the discharge process. This gave rise to many questions during the review process. Many of the questions raised in review were answered but not detailed in the discharge procedures.

Public health agencies participating in the exercise were not familiar with the PIU procedures nor the capabilities and resources available to support those procedures.

A discharge procedure exists but could be enhanced by developing a detailed discharge check list to facilitate a comprehensive review of patient and family teaching and understanding, environmental conditions, notifications to public health agencies, support systems for emotional, physical, and logistical issues, reporting requirements and limitations, etc.

Preplanning with local communities prior to an event to share information on capabilities and resources available to respond to a developing illness in the community should be considered.

Actions

Item	Assigned	Status	
		Initiated	Closed
Add a task for transport to clear the back hallways of all equipment.			
Tighten the back hallway pedestrian control plan to prevent entry to the area from ED side A, B, Trauma, and Radiology			
Obtain a list of information needed for admitting that will be completed by PIU staff and faxed to admitting for registration and admission			
Separate the supplies needed for the EMS transfer in the tent from the main supply cart to make deployment easier			
Investigate a new bootie that will be more durable			
Add water and Gatorade to the cart			
Individualize the EMS Go Bags			
Develop a discharge checklist			
Conduct pre event information sessions for Public Health agencies on PIU procedures and capabilities			